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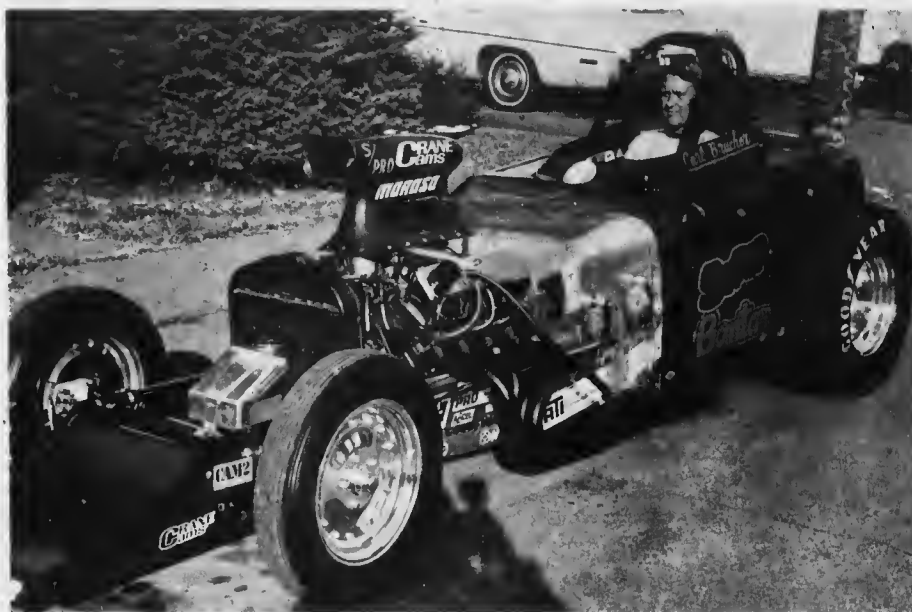
Five city business places were struck by burglars over the weekend. Pete Smith writes about them.

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Closes

Bad economic news for the area came last week when Triangle Pacific announced it was temporarily closing its plant.

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Carl Brucher sits in his super bantam at his Washington Street home. He races dragster regularly at a Reading drag course. See story this page. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Al)

Carl Brucher spends Sundays in the fast lane

By JOHN WILCHKA

Some men like to spend their Sundays working in the garden, hitting a few golf balls, or lounging in front of the television with the remote control in one hand and a beer in the other.

Carl Brucher of 137 Washington St., Carbondale, spends his Sundays in the fast lane. If Carl were into the illegal "hobby" of pulling for alarms, he could ring one on the West Side, drive to the East Side and pull one there, then beat the fire trucks back to the West Side.

But you don't have to worry about that because Brucher is a complete gentleman.

How does he get around so fast?

Fastest car in town

Well, he owns the fastest car in town. He is a drag car racer.

A member of the National Hot Rod Association, Brucher celebrated his 25th year of racing, finishing up the 1981 season with what he describes as his best year.

Over those 20-plus years he has earned a name for having some of the cleanest and fastest machinery to hit the quarter-mile drag strip.

It was in 1958, the 40-year-old father of two remembers, that he caught the racing fever (his only hobby), with a 1937 Ford with

a 322 cubic inch Buick motor in it. During this past season he used a maroon and silver roadster, "The Super Bantam," with a lightweight S&W chassis and powered by a 351 Ford engine.

He has been making weekly three-hour trips to Maple Grove, Reading.

When he began making the trip with his crew of wife Rose and sons Carl and Alan, Brucher found his Ford-powered roadster to be quite competitive and earned a spot on the Money Trail Super Pro Team for the IHRA NID Bracket finals.

He still makes the trip, towing his racer, even though gasoline prices have doubled.

One thing remains the same: his Ford-powered bantam ways in the front in the weekly "Scar super pro bashes against some of the most respected napes in the Northeast."

May has always been good to the Carbondale man.

And this May was no exception as during the first five meets of May, including the pro start-up gas meet at the Dutch Classic, he was a semi-finalist once, a runner-up twice, and a winner twice.

His competition was hoping that June would end his sponsorship by Mid-

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No help from calendar

However, Brucher showed the calendar nether helped nor hindered him as he continued his winning spell throughout the season, winning as recently as Sunday, Oct. 11.

In fact, he has the most wins at Maple Grove for the 1981 season. He also is the only driver to put together three straight wins at the track.

The car he uses has been featured on the cover of *Super Ford Magazine*, and has appeared in *Super Street Magazine* and *The National Dragster*, a nation-wide drag racing paper.

The inside of his car isn't big enough to carry the groceries home from a trip to the store.

The gearshift is located between his legs and the steering wheel is just about as big as a dish from the kitchen table.

Of course, the car is equipped with roll bars and it's too awesome a machine to drive on city streets.

When asked how long he works on his car each week, Brucher told the MIRROR, "Sometimes a few hours, sometimes a few days. All depends on how she's running."

Right now "she" uses gasoline, but may switch to alcohol next year.

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Council says 'whoa' when city asks for loan

Carbondale city council said whoa to the city's administration when it requested permission to borrow \$50,000 at Monday night's council meeting.

The solons listened as a resolution was read by city clerk Mary Miligan.

That resolution sought council approval so that the city administration could negotiate a temporary loan of \$50,000 to be paid with the first tax monies of 1982.

Council president James McMyne quickly pointed out that the first council knew of this request was late last week when such received the agenda and other information pertinent to the Monday night session.

The council president noted that he was safe in saying, "We're trying to put the fox in the chicken coop."

He argued that the city has many outstanding taxes.

He also stressed that the administration could have laid off three men "a long time ago" instead of just recently laying off 10 people.

Councilman Michael Tolerico, a long-time opponent of administration fiscal policies, added that in 1980 funds were borrowed from other accounts and put into the general fund, without council permission.

He called those funds as being wasted.

He also said that the city's "financial director lied to the newspapers."

And, unless he gets some satisfaction before the next council meeting, Tolerico warned that he wants council to hire an

attorney to take the administration to court for its "illegal" financial moves.

McMyne cited several examples of the administration spending its 1981 year's budget in about half a year for many items.

Because of the financial crisis, McMyne said, "We have to go to the essential services."

Mentioning the wage tax increase he asked for and was granted last year, McMyne said that increase was the equivalent of 15 mills and now the administration, he said, is asking for still more although last year it denied it needed more money to balance the budget.

McMyne ended his remarks by calling the administration's policy as "irresponsible."

The program is not in any sense a day-care facility for working mothers, nor is it with out cost.

Fathers who want their youngsters to have the social interaction of instruction and playtime with others their age — 3, 4, and 5-year-olds — pay \$5 a child for 18 weeks of one-day-a-week time, plus \$5 for a YWCA membership. A majority of kids attend more than one session a week.

There are field trips — this week to a pumpkin farm to select Halloween jack-o'-lanterns — and parties for Christmas and other holiday events.

All billing and administrative details, including insurance, are handled by the Y, according to Mrs. Lloyd. The program is self-supporting, and the Y does no real advertising to promote Sesame Set.

Since all four instructors enjoy their work immensely, the MIRROR inquired what part means the most to them.

They agreed unanimously that the "interaction among the children, trying to solve their own problems among themselves" is very significant. The way their personalities change as a result is most important to their instructors.

While there are no great discipline problems among the various classes, Corrie

Richards notes that her daughter, Marsha, carries through with discipline, and an occasional "tapping of the table" brings the tots into line.

It's a matter of getting into routines, the instructors point out — and since they are all different personalities, they all instruct differently. Therjoh, while rewarding and interesting, are physically tiring.

Mrs. Lloyd holds a B.A. in early childhood education from Worcester State College in Massachusetts, and has been working on her master's degree locally.

She and Father Lloyd spent 17 years as missionaries in Japan. They have two sons in New England, a married daughter in New York, another daughter, Julia, a freshman at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and a younger daughter, Becky, at home.

A native of the Los Angeles area, Esther Pullis holds a BA from the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., a degree in early childhood education from a New York state college, and a master's degree in religious studies.

She and her husband have a son, Stephen, a senior at San Francisco State College; a married daughter, Lynne, of Rochester, N.Y., and a foster daughter, Sharon Fitzgerald, who attends Michigan State University from Okemos, Mich.

Marsha Richards holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mansfield State College.

So if you live in area surrounding Carbondale, Peckville, Moscow, Elmhurst, Taylor or Moscow, and you have a youngster you want to "get ready for his first school experience," Sesame Set through the Scranton YWCA, some 25 hours a day may be for you. Call the Y at 342-2366 and make arrangements.

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